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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AND PRECAUTIONARY PETITION TO REVIVE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant request clarification as to whether a non-publication request must be rescinded when an application addressed to similar subject matter is filed in Canada. Applicant notes the following:

- 1. On September 2, 2003 Applicant filed the present application and a non-publication request. This application claimed priority from provisional application 60/407,046, filed on August 30, 2002.
- 2. On September 24, 2003, more than one year after the filing date of the provisional application identified above, Applicant filed a Canadian patent application, Canadian Patent Application No. 2,442,403, addressing a similar invention as in the present U.S. Patent Application.
- 3. Applicant has just recently become aware that the non-publication request was not rescinded.

- 4. 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) and 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) provide in pertinent part:
 - (i) If an applicant makes a request upon filing, certifying that the invention disclosed in the application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that **requires publication** of applications 18 months after filing, the application shall not be published as provided in paragraph (1).

(iii) An applicant who has made a request under clause (i) but who subsequently files, in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in clause (i), an application directed to the invention disclosed in the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office, shall notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application.

(emphasis added)

Thus, an applicant who has filed a non-publication request is only required to notify the Director when a subsequent application is filed in a country that *requires* publication after 18 months.

5. A "Patent Publication" in the United States is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.215, which states:

The publication of an application under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b) shall include a patent application publication. The date of publication shall be indicated on the patent application publication.

As such, a "publication of an application" requires the printing of a separate document, the "patent application publication."

6. In Canada, however, a patent application is not "published" after 18 months. Instead, Canadian law provides that "patents, applications for patents and documents filed in connection with patents or applications for patents shall be open to public inspection at the Patent Office" after 18 months. *See*, R.S., 1985, c. P-4, s. 10; R.S., 1985, c. 33 (3rd Supp.), s. 2; 1993, c. 15, s. 28. *See also*, http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/P-4/91746.html#rid-91794

7. Canadian law further provides for "publication" of patent applications and states that:

The Commissioner **may** publish any document open to the inspection of the public under section 10 and may print or cause to be printed, for distribution or sale, any such document.

R.S., 1985, c. 33 (3rd Supp.), s. 7. (emphasis added)

Therefore, under Canadian law "publication" is discretionary and not required.

Accordingly, Applicant requests clarification as to whether the filing of the Canadian application required Applicant to rescind the non-publication request in the present application given that (1) U.S. law states that a non-publication request must only be rescinded if a subsequent application is filed in a country that *requires* publication, and (2) in Canada a publication is *optional*.

As a precaution, Applicant has further submitted the attached Petition to Revive in the event the Director finds that the optional publication in Canada satisfies the requirement of 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) and 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) relating to required publications.

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